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Bisexual Women Speak Out: The "Glamour" Article

A review of the article on Bisexual women that *Glamour* magazine wouldn't publish.

by Elizabeth

Several years ago Beth Weise called me, and asked if I was interested in talking with Pepper Schwartz and Janet Lever about bisexuality. They wrote a column on women's health for *Glamour* magazine, and wanted to interview bisexual women who met a certain criteria: female, between the ages of 20-something and 35.

I told her I was interested, and she gave me the date and time, and the address where the interview would take place. It was to be pretty informal, seven women and the two writers.

We started with dinner, so we could get to know each other. We ranged in age from 23 to 32, all white. My impression was that we were all middle-class, college educated. So much for a cross-section. Six of us were from SBWN, while the 7th woman knew one of the writers and had been invited personally.

Only one of the seven women had a child; one woman was married to a man, one woman had lived with a man for ten years, two women lived with their women lovers, and three women were single and lived alone. The names we used were Beth, Catherine, Dawn, Elizabeth, Ellen, Erica, and Jonna.

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We then moved into the living room, arranging ourselves on couches around a large coffee table that held the microphones. The sound woman asked that we identify ourselves when we talked, so the transcriber would have an easier time.

Janet and Pepper started by saying they had asked their readers about their sexual fantasies, and the most common involved making love with another woman. This led them to think it would be a good time to find out more about bisexuals, and bisexuality. "Why would women who like and love men also feel attracted to other women? And what could such women, with the experience to compare men and women so intimately, teach us about what each gender uniquely contributes to sex and romance?"

The actual interview started off with the question, "Tell us about the first time you found yourself unexpectedly attracted to a woman." We told the usual stories of friendships that became more, of being afraid of offending the object of our attraction, of not acting on the impulse. Jonna talked about being involved with an older lesbian, who left her when Jonna wasn't able to commit to lesbianism.

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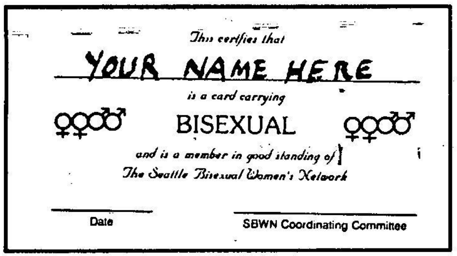

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SBWN Coordinating Committee

Memberships are $10-50 a year on a sliding scale, and are open to women everywhere. Members are entitled to discounts on events and purchases. See mail-in form above.

SBWN Statement of Purpose

We are a group of women from diverse backgrounds working to create a feminist bisexual support network and to promote, in both the heterosexual world and in the lesbian/gay community, the understanding and acceptance of bisexuality as one of many valid sexual identities.

We regard ourselves as part of the community that is united against heterosexism and homophobia. We are dedicated to the right of all people to define their own sexuality, free from any social, political, or economic coercion. The discriminations we face on the bases of our gender and our sexuality are not the only forms of oppression. We recognize that oppression is non-hierarchical and that none of us is free until all of us are free. We are invested in the feminist struggle to transform our culture into one free of all forms of bigotry, hatred, and exploitation.

We seek to provide a safe place for women to explore all aspects of their sexual orientation and identity. All women are welcome to attend SBWN activities. We are exclusively a women's group in order to create a safe space for women's expression and leadership. We come together to affirm ourselves and our choices.

North Bi Northwest ***is the bimonthly newsletter of the Seattle Bisexual Women's Network. It is produced by women and is feminist in content. We feature news and events pertinent to the bisexual community, as well as creative writing, artwork, and an advice column.***

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We welcome submissions from women and men that concern feminism, politics, sexuality, or anything of interest to bisexual women. Help define our culture! Share your histories, anger, pleasure, energy. Send us your essays, poetry, photographs, drawings, book reviews, short stories, interviews, media reports, rants, cartoons, erotica, journals, theory, conversations and letters. You're important to us and what you have to say is important to everyone.

We accept input on disk with ***hard copy (Mac or PC), typed, or handwritten if it's legible. If you send us something to print, you get a free issue; send six and get a year's subscription! Let us know what pseudonym you use, if you do not want to publish under your everyday name.***

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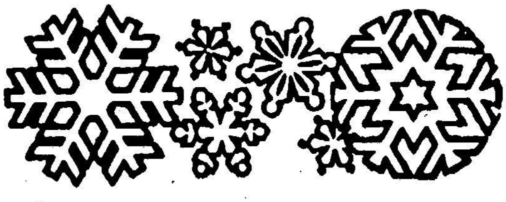
From the Editor...

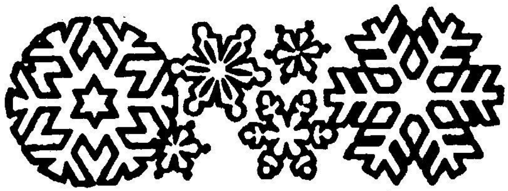
With this issue of *North Bi Northwest* we welcome new members to the editorial team and say good-bye to a longtime member. Joining the team at this time is Julie Aguilar, who will take over production; Kellie Trujillo, who will help find content for the newsletter; and K Zimmer who will provide original artwork.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Peggy as she moves on to a new phase in her life. She has given SBWN and *North Bi Northwest* generous amounts of her time, energy and talent. She is impossible to replace and will be sorely missed.

As *North Bi Northwest* begins its fourth year, we must come to you asking for help. Several volunteer positions need to be filled, and other work is always waiting for new talent! Please call us if you have time to share. We also are always in need of submissions to the newsletter. Each issue depends on you and the stories and thoughts you share with us. The next issue will be about erotica. We have now made it even easier to send in your submission - just transmit by e-mail to: nbinw@aol.com. All files should be for an IBM computer.

SBWN also would like to notify you of a change in the phone number. You can leave messages for any SBWN member, or just get information from the calendar by calling: (206)517-7767. Thanks for reading!





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Individuals are needed to sell advertising for *North Bi Northwest.* Call back people who have asked about advertising in *North Bi Northwest* and encourage them to follow through; call people/businesses likely to advertise & sell them on the idea. Some training and contact lists are available to start out. All you need is a phone, walking shoes, and some charm. Please call (206) 517-7767 and leave your name for more information.

SBWN Outreach

Volunteers are needed to check the SBWN voice mail system for messages. Calls will need to be returned and messages relayed appropriately. Most calls are from individuals seeking information about SBWN. A touch tone phone is required. Schedules vary depending on the number of people involved.

North Bi Northwest Distribution

Distribute just-printed newsletters bimonthly to the bookstores that sell them; check in the beginning of the following month to see if they need a refill; make sure they sign receipts and pay us for the ones they've sold; collect unsold back issues for the facilitators' box. Seek other likely venues for newsletter sales (like Alfie's, Bellevue), and set up an account with them.

Organizations

Gay? Lesbian? Bisexual? Not sure? Drop in group for African American, Native American, Latino, Asian and other Youth of Color meets on Mondays 6:30-8pm. You can talk with other people your own age in a safe, confidential small group meeting. For location or other information, call 632-0500 or 322-7900. Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee.

'Safe Sex isn't as easy as they say!' Join a 16-week group for women 18 and up who are sexually active with men, and who understand how hard it can be and learn how to make safer choices about sex. Groups are small, completely confidential, professionally facilitated, and free. Childcare and transportation are provided. Earn up to $135 answering surveys. Call CHOICES: A Research Project of the University of Washington at 543-4442.

Birthmothers support group forming. Plan to meet alternate weeks for approximately three months. Leave a message for Ariel at (206) 517-7767.

Don't fit the usual male/female gender roles? Androgynous, or attracted to others who are? You're invited to join a free discussion and social group. Women, men, and everyone else are welcome! Call Andrew at 364-8056 for information.

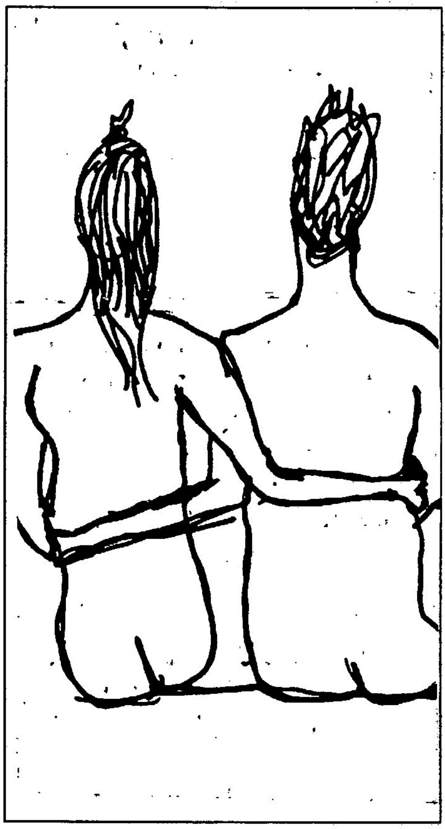
"By subscribing to gender based only on male/female categories, we cheat ourselves of a searching examination of our real gender identity."

"If we buy into categories of sexual orientation, based solely on gender — heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual — we're cheating ourselves of a searching examination of our real sexual preferences."

...Adapted from *Gender Outlaw*, by Kate Bornstein.

BiNet/Seattle Reorganization

BiNet/Seattle, and BiNet/Washington have been on sabbatical since June. The people who'd been involved the past three years decided to focus their energies on other projects, including the local single-gender bi groups. There'll be a BiNet meeting at Lizabeth and Paul's house on Wednesday, 18 January, 1996, to determine if there's interest in furthering BiNet, or closing it. All interested parties are invited, including past members, and especially people with new energy and focus. Phone BiNet at 728-4533 to confirm.



Volunteers Needed

The Northwest Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (NW-AIRS) is seeking volunteers to serve on the conference committees that help plan the program, publicity, and hospitality for their annual Education & Training Conference for Information & Referral Providers to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lynwood, Washington on September 25-27, 1996. Please call Bill Brackin at (206) 259-3191 if you are interested.

Myth, Magic or Reality?

'Women who have sex with women don't get sexually transmitted diseases.' No one knows for sure; there is no hard data to help tailor health care services to the needs of lesbian and bisexual women. You can help make herstory! Volunteer for this U of Wa. AIDS and STDs study. You'll receive a free gynecological screen (as well as any antibiotics if necessary) including a Pap smear. All contact is confidential. To sign up call 720-4372.

Attention!

Would you like to help plan a bridge-building forum between lesbian and bisexual-identified women? Have you organizing experience to share? Or just a strong desire to see this project through? If you would like to be in on the planning process for this important event, or just to hear more, please contact Siri or Sara H. at SBWN (517-7767), or Valerie R. at the Lesbian Resource Center (322-3965). We are especially in need of lesbian-identified women and women not in SBWN. Tell your friends! It's time for lesbian and bi women to get to know each other better, and build strong alliances in the days ahead.

Advertising

North Bi Northwest welcomes advertising from bi-friendly businesses, individuals, organizations and services. Our advertising rates are as follows:

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Newsy Bits

Gay and Bisexual Fraternity Opens

A new gay and bisexual-identified fraternity recently opened a house on campus at the University of Minnesota. Delta Lambda Phi, which moved into a house on fraternity row in August of this year, was started in 1988—the fourth chapter to open in the nation.

According to fraternity president Rusty Robertson, living together in a fraternity on campus allows gay and bisexual-identified students to mix their academic and social lives more openly, like other students do. To combat the idea that the fraternity is some kind of sex club, however, Robertson stated that the group has a policy that prohibits sex between members and people going through rush, the fraternity recruitment process.

—The Seattle Times, 11/2/95—

***In the Family* Quarterly Magazine Premieres**

A new quarterly magazine is the first to bridge the worlds of therapists, lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals, and straight friends and relatives. Laura Markowitz, founder and editor of *In the Family*, states that the magazine is designed to draw on "the wisdom, knowledge, and research of the mental health community to illuminate issues of relevance for lesbian, gay, and bisexual families."

In the Family is expected to primarily deal with the issue of family, including parenthood, single life, money and power in relationships, reconciling religious views and sexual identity, the ways in which HIV status affects couples and their families, and more. The premiere issue that was published in July, for example, includes the cover story, "Bisexuality: Challenging Our Either/Or Thinking," which discusses the dynamics in both therapy and family when someone comes out as a bisexual, posing the question, "What does it mean when sexual identity and sexual behavior are not congruent?"

In addition to articles, *In the Family* also features book reviews, fiction, and letters to the editor. A yearly subscription (four issues) costs $22. The mailing address is P.O. Box 5387, Takoma Park, MD 20913.

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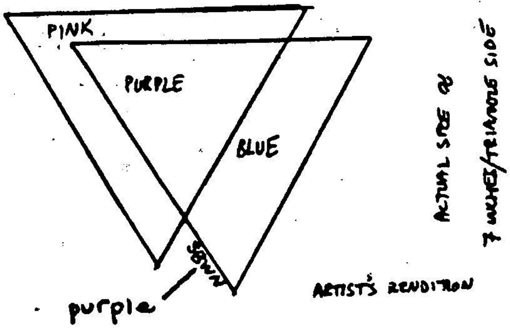

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If you've never been published here, you may not think of *North Bi Northwest* as *your* publication, but if you're here, it really is. Even if you don't think of yourself as a writer, we'd like to have your input; this is an SBWN project, not a mainstream magazine. Please help us editors/publishers out. We need input to keep going; we're now in our ninth year!

If you send us something to print, you get a free issue; send us six and get a year's subscription! Let us know what pseudonym you use, if you do not want to publish under your everyday name.

For the next issue we're looking for erotica: your stories, your opinions — and all with some taste!

We've got a deal on some **books**; if there's one you'd review for us, but neither you nor the library has it, we may buy it for SBWN's library and loan it to you to read and review.

Remember, the Answer Amazons are looking for a tough topic to tackle.

Deadline for the next issue is Monday, January 1. Entries should be sent to our PO Box, handed to a newsletter production member (Julie A. or Kellie T.) at a meeting, or sent by e-mail to nbinw@aol.com. Talk to Julie A. for more information.

Disk Jockey

by Bettykay

He comes to work feeling lonely and horny, so sends suggestive and sexy music into the airwaves.
She hears the music, and his message, gets excited and enjoys her Saturday night at home.
She calls him to say that she is enjoying his show, but doesn't make a request.
Days later she slips the tape she made that night into her car stereo. She smiles.
The man in the next car smiles, and passes and repasses her as they go down the freeway together enjoying the music.
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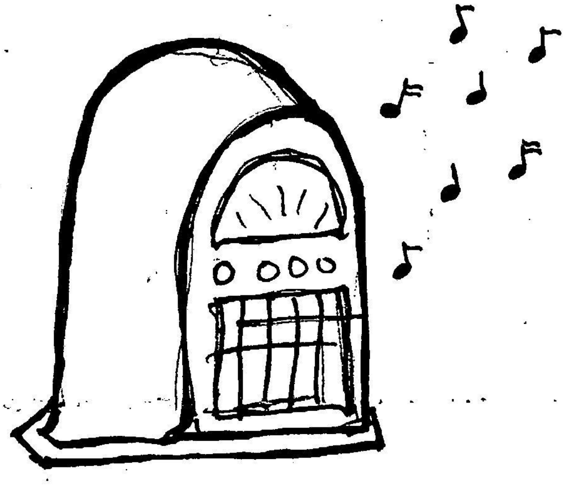

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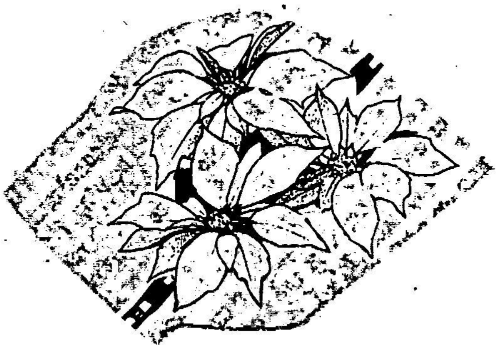
The Fourth International Bisexual Conference will be held in Berlin, Germany on May 24-27, 1996. Some of the topics to be covered are: Bi Research, Bi Movement in UK, Many Faces of Bi Relationships, Bis in film, Intimacy and more. Speakers and workshop leaders from the U.S. are Wayne Bryant, Ron Fox, Lani Kaahumanu, Fritz Klein, Robyn Ochs and Regina Reinhardt.

Registration fees vary from $35 to $70 and include socials but no meals. Some discounted and free lodging is available. To register please write: Fritz Klein, M.D., 4545 Park Blvd. #207, San Diego, CA 92116. Or call (619) 542-0088, Fax (619) 542-0006, or e-mail: fritzklein@aol.com. Accomodation information is available by phone/fax: 49-30-6944651. Or write: IBIS 96, BINe e.V., Postfach 619214, D10923 Berlin, Germany.



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by Mary Bell

I would like to drift into sleep
nuzzled into the soft fuzz
of a gentle man's chest
or cradled in an arm's crook
cushioned by a tender woman's breast

I would like to slumber
back to back   spine to spine
back to front   side by side
or
in a jumble   limbs entwined

I would like to waken
to the salt-scent of musky skin
the even sound of breathing
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For Mikeal
by Misha Williams

waking
beside you sleeping,
watching
sunlight paint your skin
golden.

skimming your smooth curves
and hollows
with my fingertips,
my desire rises with the sun.
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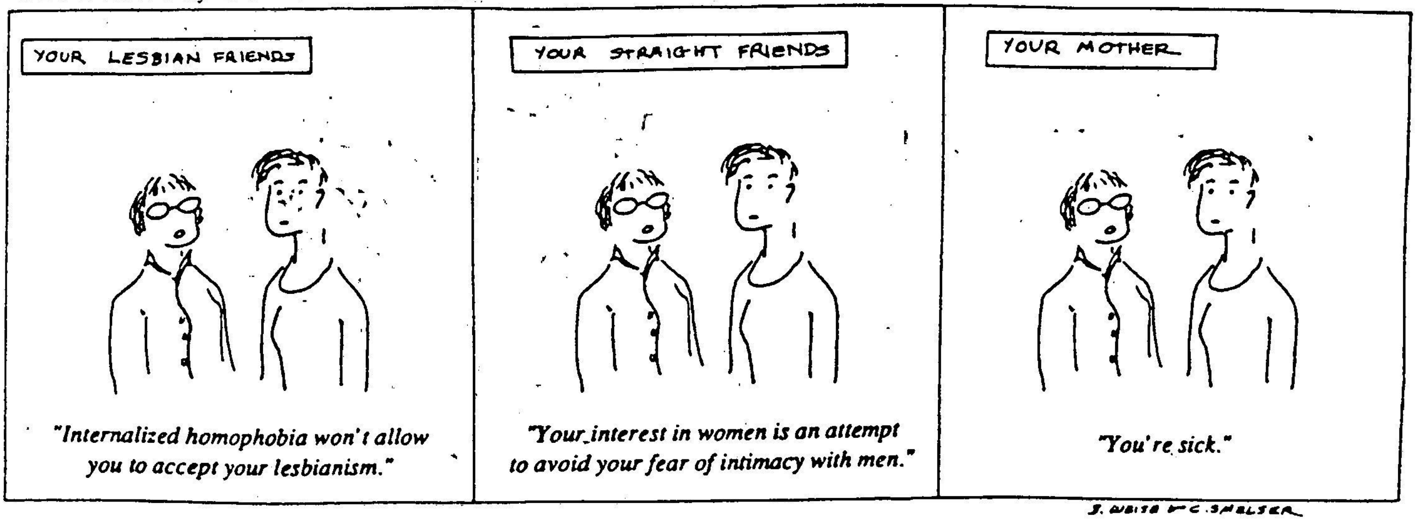
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"Internalized homophobia won't allow you to accept your lesbianism."
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"Your interest in women is an attempt to avoid your fear of intimacy with men."
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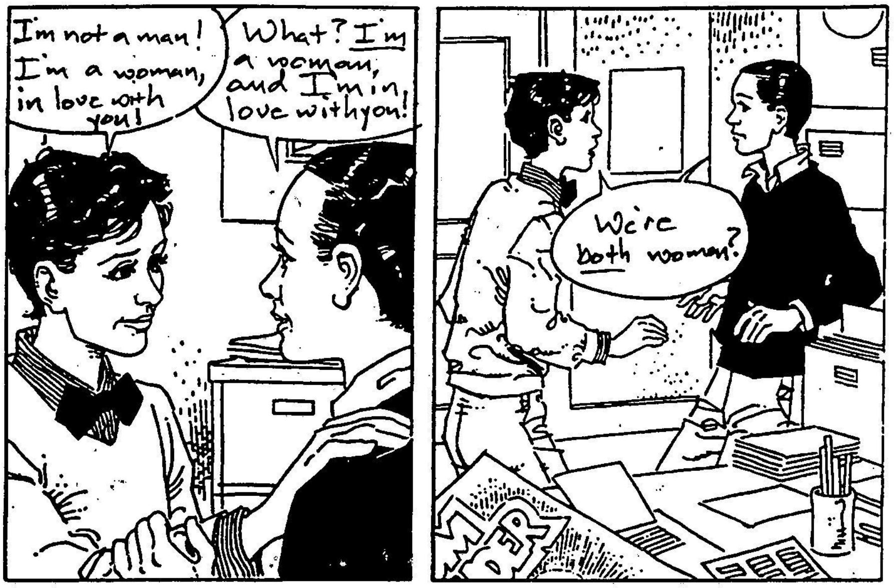
I'm not a man! I'm a woman, in love with you!
What? I'm a woman, and I'm in love with you!
We're both women?

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Let's face it, we all have our problems. Whether it's a perilous polyfidelity predicament or simply how to shop for latex, North Bi Northwest *is here to help: In keeping with the spirit of bisexuality, we offer more than one reply to each question. Send your queeries to our PO Box; our wisdom-mongers are standing bi.*

Dear Answer Amazons,

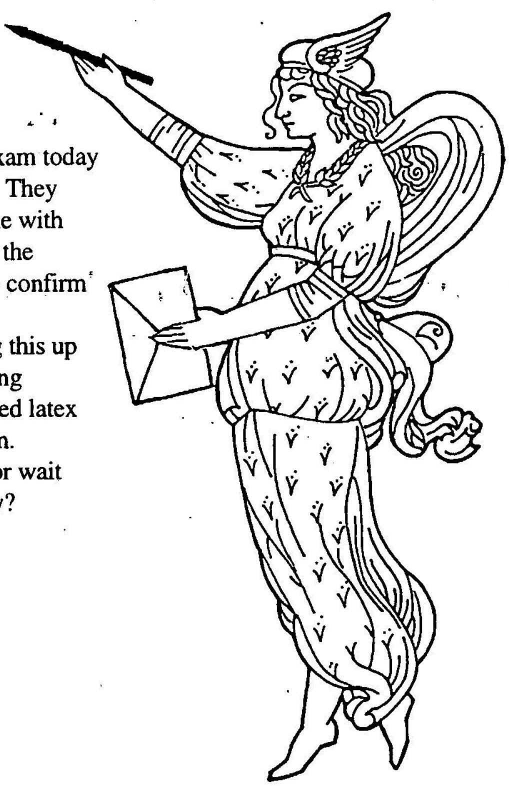
Help!

I went for a routine gyn exam today and they say I have gonorrhea. They want to treat my partner and me with antibiotics now while they run the culture that will take a week to confirm the diagnosis.

I don't know how to bring this up with my partner without creating mistrust — we have always used latex and have a strong honor system.

Do I say something now or wait until next week? What do I say?

Lupe



Dear Lupe,

Hey, it's possible that the honor system really worked! Maybe the latex leaked or in the heat and lust of the moment something was not used right.

It really doesn't matter what you say, just say it gently and in a caring, non-defensive manner. It must be said and it must be said now! The Queen wishes you and your partner good luck in working your trust issue out and in curing yourselves of this disease. Stay clean and be careful out and in there!

Queen of Love

Dear Lupe,

For goddess' sake, call your partner immediately and get with the program! Disease is not a moral issue. Being responsible is a moral issue and waiting to inform a partner of disease is not being responsible. Damage already done by gonorrhea cannot be reversed by antibiotics.

Sort out the trust issues, the hows and whys, *after you start the medication.*

How you tell your partner is not as important as that you do it, but being quick, direct and non-blaming is a good start.

Love,

Aphrodite

SBWN Held its Tenth Birthday Party at Sappho's

SBWN's tenth Birthday Party was held at Sappho's in Kent on Saturday, November 4th. The evening started off with dinner at 5:30. Where the staff at Sappho's did a wonderful job of setting the mood with linen tablecloths and fresh flowers for us. The menu was well rounded with good choices for even our diverse group. We want to say a special thanks to Julie A. for working with Sappho's to put this all together. It was attended by twenty SBWN members, both new and old. We enjoyed a lively dinner conversation before challenges to pool and darts could be heard. At 9pm the DJs started a lively evening of dancing that lasted until closing. If you missed it there's always next year, but we wouldn't recommend waiting to give Sappho's a try. It has a warm open environment and they have welcomed SBWN and our members openly. So check them out; it's worth the drive. You'll find them at 226 First Ave S. in Kent, and by the way parking is great!

Christmas Without Santa?

by K.

Like many Northwest children, I can remember making an annual pilgrimage to Frederick and Nelson's Department Store so my brother and I could sit on Santa's lap in our Christmas best, to tell him our hearts' desires. Like many children, we know he would come through for us, our dreams would be answered. We didn't have to give it much thought, but the illusion wasn't meant to last.

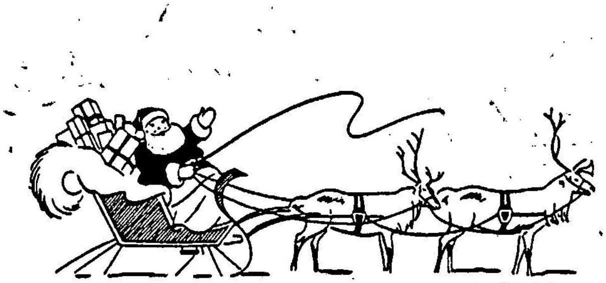
When I was five, my brother told me in the way older brothers like to, full of delight at being the one to pop your perfect bubble, that there was no Santa, that he was a fake, and that it was really just Mom and Dad doing it. Though I was upset by this news, what really bothered me was the idea that if Santa wasn't real that Christmas was going to be over. No more wishing for brightly wrapped packages, no more days of excruciating anticipation, no more playing with all the wondrous decorations, no more loving exchanges with family, no more learning about the joy of others, and no more candy! All of it might somehow be gone. I asked my mom if he was right; could it be true? Was Santa a fake? Was Christmas going to be over? Her answer has always been with me.

She sat down on the edge of her chair and lovingly drew me close to her. We were face to face. As I looked into her soft glowing eyes, a warm expression of gentleness came over her. As she started to speak to me in a low loving voice, I knew she was about to share with me the secrets of the world, and I was overcome with a sense of peace and reassurance as she talked. She said that the old man that everyone calls Santa was really just a man and that Santa was more than that. Santa was a spirit that fills the hearts of people that love and that she was Santa just as my brother had said, but that it was the Spirit of Santa that filled her heart — that made her able to make our dreams come true, and that she would fill our hearts with joy because we believed that Santa could.

My relationship with Santa has grown since then. I have seen Santa's delight at my achievements. She has been with me through some really hard times; she has filled my heart with dreams that danced in my head, that later gave me joy when they were realized. The gifts have never stopped. No matter how small, they always were delivered with love and understanding. When understanding was slow to form, she always wrapped them in acceptance. The love of my relationship with Santa has filled my life with joy. But can Christmas for me go on without Santa?

This last year I lost my Santa in the physical sense, and maybe it's been a little like when I was five. The fear of not having the gifts she so lovingly created waiting under the tree, not having wondrous anticipation of her smile, or not helping her carefully decorate her tree that makes me long for her to remind me just once more that Santa isn't a man, but that she is a spirit that fills the hearts of those that love.

It is this spirit that is with me now as Christmas approaches. I feel her power as she fills my heart, as I plan the traditional family events, spend hours anticipating the joy of my loved ones' faces as they admire the decorations and exchange their gifts of love. Because of this my Santa is real and her magical powers live on as Christmas lives on in the hearts of those that love. ▼



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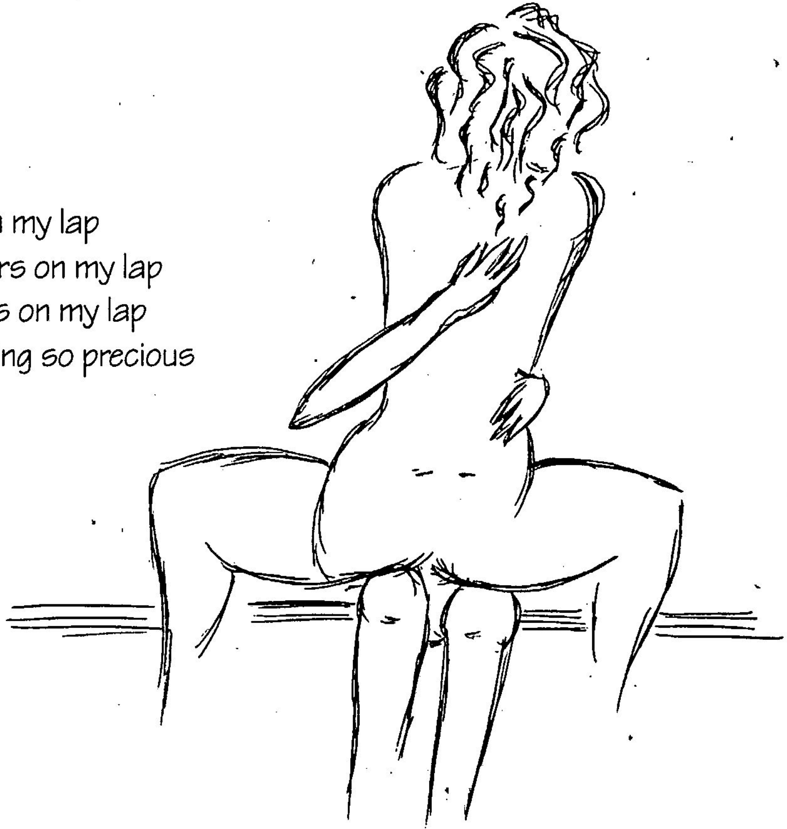
On My Lap

by Kellie

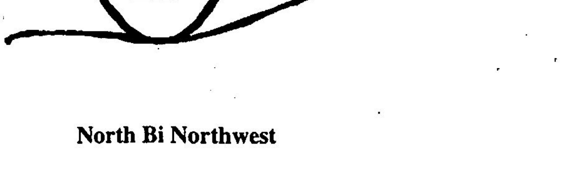
I've bounced babies for hours on my lap
Balanced stacks of important papers on my lap
Cradled packages tied up with bows on my lap
But I have never enjoyed holding anything so precious
as you on my lap



LOST

by Norma Lois Oland

I am alone
Lonlier than the beggar
    With his incessant patter of Ave Maria
Silent in the midst of singing flowers
For I have forgotten how to speak.



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The next question was, "What do you get from a woman that you don't from a man, and what do you get from a man that you don't get from a woman?" We all agreed that women are better at communication, and at giving emotional support. But sometimes the sense of being different from a male partner allows for a more comfortable relationship. "... I'm different because I'm of another sex. I feel there is more space for me to just exist in my own world...," said Catherine.

As for the physical, Ellen talked about "...kissing felt okay to me, but I wasn't sure if the other parts of sex would have the urgency or the ecstasy that I knew I could have with a man."

This brought us to the next question, "Sexually, what do women bring to the bedroom that men don't have, and vice versa?" Our immediate and almost unanimous response was "Breasts!"

Beth asked, "What's the normal time for sex with a man? Maybe twenty minutes. My female lover and I can't do it under an hour and a half." But Elizabeth added, "If you just lay back and let them go at it, you don't have to do anything, whereas with a woman, I have to feel like I'm ready for sex."

Catherine mentioned one more complexity. "Sometimes I've had sex with a woman where I was fantasizing that I was a man, that she was a man — and the last time I was with a man, I was thinking about a woman."

We moved on to the next question, "Are you any different when you are with one sex or the other?" The authors say, "We expected women to say they were more feminine with men while allowing more of their masculine side to show with women. But this yin/yang theory didn't work."

Jonna said, "With women I'm able to be much more feminine. With men I tend to have real firm lines drawn." There was more discussion, about a woman appreciating just a kiss, but a man wanting more.

The next question was the inevitable, "Does being a bisexual mean you can't be monogamous?" Beth stated that "the whole question of monogamy is very separate from bisexuality." Her reasoning centered on monogamy being whether one is happy with just one person, and bisexuality defining the category of people you chose to fall in love with.

What I found interesting was the two women partnered with women were monogamous, while the two women coupled with men were not. The interviewers chose not to pursue that particular thread, which was a disappointment.

The last question asked was, "Are you happy being bisexual or would you rather have it another way?" We talked about how society puts everything in terms of black and white, and how this confines everyone. But Erica answered best, "I'd never choose to be straight. I'd be so limited." I agree.

I enjoyed myself that evening, and looked forward to seeing the resulting article. It was supposed to be published in the November or December 1992 issue; this never happened. I'm not sure what really happened, but they said they'd decided that there wouldn't be much interest in this subject after all.

When I called Pepper in August, she and Janet were thinking about submitting the article somewhere else, and so North Bi Northwest was not given permission to print the entire piece.

I have read the finished article, and for the most part it is representative of the group of women participating. I don't see anything offensive in the article, just thoughts and feelings about bisexuality. Some of the quotes are not from the woman given credit, but that's more likely the transcriber having trouble identifying the speaker.

If this article does get published, I hope to write to that magazine and commend them. Then I'll write to *Glamour* and give them an earful! ▼

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The Playboy Articles, or How to Talk about Bisexuality without Offending Anyone!

by Lizabeth Coller

The October, 1995 cover of *Playboy* caught my eye: **Women who date women.** I didn't noticed the subtitle until later: Does it make you nervous?

There are actually 2 pieces, 'Lesbian Chic,' by Brendan Baber and Eric Spitznagel, and 'Lesbians for a Day,' by Myles Berkowitz. The little photos of the authors show twenty-something white men.

The first article reviews who in Hollywood and TV land is passing as queer. From 'Rosanne' and 'Friends' to the recent movie 'The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love,' lesbians are showing up everywhere. The authors say being lesbian is hip, and even Vanity Fair describes it as 'an instant new claim to fame.' Billed as humor, the article says, "The girl-girl thing is aesthetically pleasing, rarely causes clashes with cops and renders yucky birth-control devices completely unnecessary."

Several lists follow: *Will pretend to be a lesbian for photo opportunities, Failing careers that could be saved by lesbianism,* and my favorite, *Willing to pretend not to be a lesbian when paid.* These lists don't contribute any good to the real-life problems lesbians have. I guess the title says it all: if you're not chic, who cares?

'Lesbians for a Day: Is being gay so hip that even straight women can't say no? A report from the trenches' is not so funny. It's billed as an article, so I guess we should take his words more seriously.

The words 'bi,' 'bisexual,' and 'bisexuality' are used exactly one time each, in two contiguous paragraphs. The words are contained in quotes by the 'professionals' Berkowitz talks with: Janet Lever, an associate professor of sociology at Cal State-LA and co-author of a column on health and sexuality for *Glamour* (see cover article); and Deborah Cooper, a counselor with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology who has been on *Geraldo* and *Sally Jessy Raphael.* Otherwise this article is about women fucking women. The author talked to 50 women who either had had 'lesbian sex' or knew someone who had.

One woman talks about being more aware of her sexuality after one night with a lesbian friend. She says, "I learned what I like, and I learned that sex with a man can be great if I tell him what to do....I didn't have to go back after that." Another woman, who had 'lesbian sex' in group situations only, says, "Women having sex with other women is really trendy. It's been popular since *Basic Instinct* made it look so erotic and fun."

This article divides women into two categories: het and not. And within the het category is sex with just men, and sex with men and women. There is no discussion of being attracted to both women and men, of being able to have an emotional relationship with either a woman or a man (or both). This article just perpetuates the myth that bisexuality doesn't exist.

I did find some humor in the piece: Berkowitz started this article because a woman he was trying to get into bed made an off-hand remark about having had sex with another woman. When he tells her about what her comment started, her response is, "I was just kidding about that."

As Baber and Spitznagel said, "All hail the near-queer." ▼

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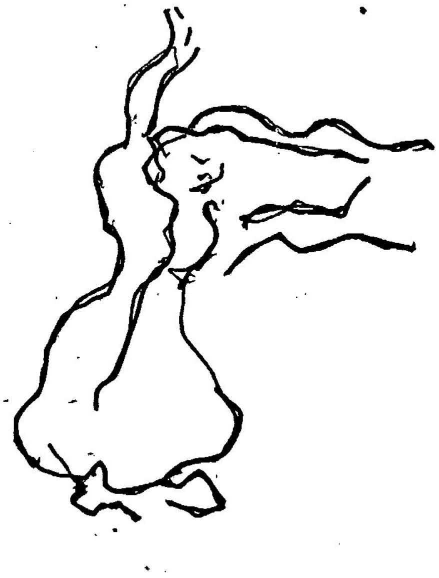

CALENDAR

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*** denotes multi-gender events. $=not a free event.**

Sat. Dec 9-Polyfidelity social, The MM Ball, below. *$

Sat. Dec 9-4th Annual Formal & Mythological Masquerade Grand Ball. (8pm, Oddfellows Hll, Capitol Hill.) *$

Mon. Dec 11-SBWN Mtg. 6:30pm. 'Open Rap'

Mon. Dec 11-SBMU Mtg. 7pm. 'Families and Holidays.'

Sun. Dec. 17-SBWN Mtg. 6:30pm. 'Bellydancing.'

Mon. Dec. 25-SBWN Mtg. 6:30pm. 'Open Rap.'

Sun. Dec 31-SBWN-NOTE: No meeting is scheduled.

Sun. Dec 31-New Year's Eve Party, 9pm at Sheri's (N. Seattle). Bring your sleeping bags and stay over! Call Sheri or the SBWN phone line for more information.

Mon. Jan 1-Input deadline for *North Bi Northwest* February Issue: 'Erotica.'

Mon. Jan. 8-SBWN Mtg. 6:30pm. 'Open Rap.

Mon. Jan. 8-SBMU Mtg. 7pm. 'Book Discussion: Eva Cantarella's: *Bisexuality in the Ancient World.*'

Sat. Jan. 9-Polifidelity potluck. 6:30pm. Pilgrim Congregational Church.*$

Sun. Jan 14-SBWN Mtg. 6:30pm. 'Social and Organizational Mtg.'

Wed. Jan 18-BiNet Review Mtg. 7:00pm @ Lizabeth's, Wallingford. *

Sat. Jan 20-GCSS Annual Project Meeting. 10am—3pm; lunch is provided.

Mon. Jan 22-SBWN Mtg. 6:30pm. 'Art Therapy: Erotic?'

Sat. Jan 27-SBWN Social: 'Kellie's Birthday Party' *

Sun. Jan. 28-SBWN Mtg. 6:30pm. 'Open Rap.' NbiNW mailing party.

Feb. ?-SBWN Social: 'Cross-Country Ski Trip.'

SBWN's Social Crowd Meets:
On the first Friday of the month for dancing @ Sappho's, 9:30pm.
On the third Saturday of the month for dancing @ The Easy, 9:30pm and for other special events.

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SBWN (Seattle Bisexual Women's Network): Support and discussion groups on alternate Sundays and alternate Mondays at 6:30pm. For more information, call our message machine. Note our NEW telephone number: 517-7767.

Bluestockings: SBWN-affiliated monthly feminist women's reading group is taking a midwinter break.

SBMU (Seattle Bisexual Men's Union): a men's anti-sexist support and social group with discussion meetings on second Mondays of the month at Pilgrim Congregational Church, room 304 (enter from 10th Av), and monthly social events (location varies).

Polyfidelity Discussion Group: Support group and community for people in or interested in multipartner relationships. Discussions and literature on responsible nonmonogamy, intimate networks, alternative relationships and community. Bimonthly potluck discussions, 6:30pm @ Pilgrim Congregational Church, 509 10th Av E, Seattle; alternate month social events, venue varies.

BiNet, the Bisexual Network of Seattle: multi-gender, multicultural profeminist group; currently on leave until January 18, 1996. Call 728-4533 to get involved.

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